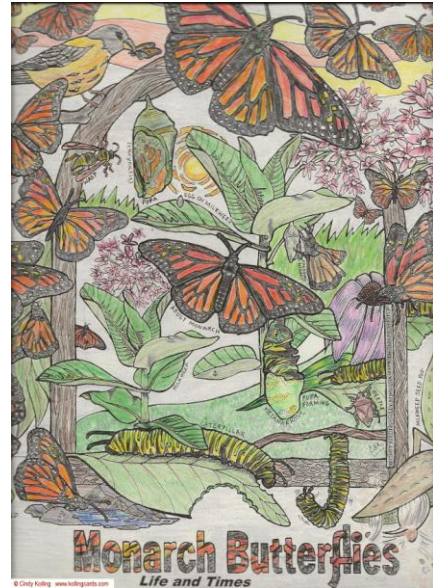


A Creative Learning Field Trip right at Your Site!

Offer a “Prairie Pocket” in the 2024 Corridor of Creative Learning Fun:

A growing corridor of “Prairie Pockets” of art and learning encourages interest and awareness about what was, what is now, and why we might care.



Tallgrass Prairie and related

Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art Adventures

Artist in Residency with Cindy Kolling

Booking now for
2024

Available for Museums, Parks, Nature Centers, Schools, Libraries, Art Groups, Social Groups and others who want to

“Learn Stuff While We Have Fun!”

correlating with

Artist Cindy Kolling Tallgrass Prairie visual art exhibits:

Illustrated Time and Place: Tallgrass Prairie Story
(supporting grant from Northwest Minnesota Arts Council)

and

It's Not Nothing... and Those aren't Weeds!
(supporting grant from Minnesota State Arts Board)

plus other corridor pockets of art and learning
from many directions as they develop.

Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art Adventures:

Suggested Age: 8 to Adult: The sessions will adjust slightly according to age and skill levels. This is an art learning opportunity and those participating will learn.

Suggested Group Size: under 20 with at least one adult assistant from you joining the coloring art fun.

Bookings can be made now for 2024 for Tallgrass Prairie related Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art Adventure workshops (up to 1/2 day art residency) with your artist Cindy Kolling (Gully). You can make this your “pocket” in the “Tallgrass Prairie Corridor of Art and Learning!”

This is an in-person, artist-led event to be held at your site. You choose the Prairie related Minne-Mural™ design from the list to be featured for your group! We will have all the fun and learning!

DESIGNS: Choose from (one design per session group): Tallgrass Prairie, Prairie Wildflowers (assortments, several choices), Sand Hill Cranes, Great Horned Owl, Bald Eagle’s Nest, Red Tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, Predatory Birds, Dragonfly, Native Bees, Pollinators, Life and Times of Monarch Butterfly, Going Buggy, American Bison, Meadowlark, Stargazing (Big Dipper), Moongazing (full supermoon), Milky Way, All in a Dark Sky, Tundra Swans. For sessions after March 15, you can choose Greater Prairie Chickens, Painted Lady Butterfly, Blazing Star, Eclipse, and Underground! (roots & bugs). Note that all design choices will include information as it relates to the Tallgrass Prairie during this season.

TIME: Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art Adventure workshops will include 1 to 4 hours (you choose the length) of instruction and materials and information, with breaks for review and critique. Suggested time of 2.5 to 3 hours including a snack, stretch & review breaks will give us time to delve into some good coloring art techniques and appreciate their effects before we all wear out. (You supply the snacks and waters.)

COST: \$475 per class session (includes materials for up to 20 participants) plus mileage up to 50 miles (each way), from Gully, MN. (Additional mileage, food & lodging is a potential for more distant bookings.)

BACK TO BACK: You can have more than one group scheduled in a day if you wish to do them back to back, and the different groups should each do a different design. Each group session will be \$475. Let me know your intentions or issues and we can try get the best value for your needs.

EXHIBIT READYUP: If you would like to showcase your group’s Awesome Wall Art, (encouraged) an additional \$10 per Minne-Mural™ can be added to make them ready for you to exhibit. “Readyup” will include putting the finished Minne-Mural™ in a student grade mat with a backing board and clearwrapping with optional j-hooks to make an easy to hang

presentation of the finished coloring art. You will get a template sheet to make artist exhibit cards for the display (or they can make their own).

Participants are unlikely to complete their coloring art during the workshop session, and setting a completion deadline of one to two weeks later to have them mounted for presentation is an effective motivator to finish. An exhibit is a way to build confidence and validate individual growth and share more information about the subject in curriculum or other projects... and it will be Awesome Wall Art! The colored Minne-Murals™ can continue as Awesome Wall Art in their homes after your exhibit closes.

HELPER: At least one adult teacher or organizer needs to be present per school age session. An enthusiastic, participating adult organizer will also be helpful with the adult groups. Other staff, parents and volunteer are all definitely encouraged to join and be actively involved in the coloring art and learning activity. This will help share the message that coloring is absolutely not just for kids. They will recognize it as a serious form of learning and experimenting with new levels of art techniques and become more enthusiastically informed about the subject.

FACILITY: Minne-Mural™ Coloring Artists tend to “ooze” in their work space as they try different mediums and techniques. Definitely choose a room that has good lighting! Set your tables with two chairs facing forward or in a horseshoe with one chair on each side, all able to face the speaker - School desks can work if necessary. One table for my material, I may use a projector so would need an outlet. - One table or stand for extra supplies that they can help themselves to. - One or two tables for colored samples to be displayed in my small easels. ***(All of this is just suggested, and we can definitely work with whatever you have!)***

NO REFUND: If you need to cancel, there will still be a full charge but especially in case of extreme weather or widespread flu, etc. we will discuss and reschedule, but no refunds. Cancelling is not encouraged as the schedule will fill.

FEATURED DESIGN: You choose which one of the listed Prairie themed Minne-Mural™ designs is to be featured at your session. The price will include one Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art Poster for each of up to 20 attending participants, and extra supplies and tools for them to work and experiment with. Additional Minne-Murals™ can be ordered for more participants at \$10 per. (Note that if you have too big a group- we should talk about that.)

LEARNING: This will be definitely an Art technique focused session, and will be natural Tallgrass Prairie information themed (not the later pioneering times). Your subject choice will include carefully researched hand-drawn detailed original design. Pick one that suits your participants' interests or curriculum and don't try to decide if one is “easier” than another. Additional information will be presented on the design subject. (The main focus will be “Look More and See More”. We will learn to create serious highlights and shadows; about creating illusions of movement and perspective and about color mixing, blending and layering, including discussions on color wheel, and we will discover the true importance of observation in art.) It is something all ages and abilities can participate in, but will push toward developing real skills and understanding; not just to “color”.

GUIDANCE AND STYLE: There will be specific guided starting points but with a strong assurance that this is not a color by number design. As each Minne-Mural™ Coloring Artist develops in their coloring art work, they will start to own their style and the Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art Poster will become their own AwesomeWall Art.

The group's finished work will reflect many different styles. You choose the Tallgrass Prairie design to feature at your session (I can help if you like.) I will encourage coloring artists with a lot of latitude to consider colors and experiment with various coloring techniques on the subject, the horizon and the sky. The Coloring Artists each will decide whether they want it to be morning or midday or twilight, and will it be foggy, or cloudy or sunny or raining or snowing? We will learn about light and shadow and consider techniques to try for reflections and refractions. We will even try to color wind! Each Minne-Mural™ design can be colored in so many ways!

Review for example: A Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art session for up to 20 participants, would cost \$475 session + \$200 optional presentation readyup for all 20 = \$675 + any miles over 50 (one way) from Gully. (Possible food/lodging if distance requires.)

Each Tallgrass Prairie Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art Adventure will be a "Prairie Pocket" in a "Corridor" of art and information activities featuring the Tallgrass Prairie that once covered one third of North America including the western half of Minnesota. Preliminary or follow-up discussion or invited speakers about the natural Tallgrass Prairie and/or your selected Minne-Mural™ subject can enhance the learning opportunities.

"Pockets" of related "Tallgrass Prairie" learning projects can suit sciences, art, history, geography, library time, speech, FFA, Horticulture, Photography and Writing.

Librarians are encouraged to display books on Tallgrass Prairie and the chosen subjects for additional research. Classes or teachers may choose to watch one of many informative videos available from interesting and credible sources on the Tallgrass Prairie. (Ask for suggestions if you like.) There are some very knowledgeable naturalists and scientists who may be available for speaking sessions.

It can be such an exciting new year!

Let's Do This!

Minne-Mural™ Coloring Art Posters!

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